SPECIAL COMMITTEE

EXECUTIVE OFFICES. Room 1024 Federal Building,

85 Richmond St. W.,

Toronto 2, February 20, 1939.

Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, House of Commons, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Howe,—We understand that a committee of the House has been formed to investigate and report upon the activities of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

While we are not familiar with the terms of the reference of this committee, we are taking the liberty of suggesting to you that should you feel it desirable to have the committee hear the point of view of the users of commercial broadcasting, we would appreciate as an association the opportunity of making representation to the committee.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GLEN BANNERMAN,

President.

This letter was sent to the Minister of Transport and forwarded on by him to me.

Now, gentlemen, we have Mr. Brockington here, and I believe that we can deal with these letters more effectively at a later date.

Mr. ISNOR: I would move that we hear Mr. Brockington.

L. W. BROCKINGTON, K.C., Chairman of the Board of Governors, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, called.

The CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I think it would facilitate the proceedings of the committee if Mr. Brockington were allowed to make his statement and afterwards any members who wish may ask questions. I think that would contribute materially to progress.

Mr. SLAGHT: Just before Mr. Brockington starts I would like to know whether or not the committee are now in possession of all the regulations of the commission. You will recall that at our last meeting I asked that we might have them all, and I expressed a doubt that the blue covered annual report plus the green book contained them all. Since, I received word that the two do contain them all, but I should like to be clear on that so we will know just where we are going.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Brockington is before us to tell you about that.

The WITNESS: The first thing I propose to do is deal with certain aspects of broadcasting then I shall deal with the regulations which you have in your hand, and then with the question which arose and which is referable to the recent controversy. When I have dealt with all that I think that this question will be answered.

Mr. SLAGHT: Thank you, sir. I was just interested to know whether in the material before us, that contained in the green book and in the report, we have all the regulations that are in existence?

The WITNESS: Of course, when I come to deal with it I will deal with the question of regulations and explain to you why certain regulations and rules are not in the book. I will explain our side of the recent controversy very fully.

[Mr. Leonard W. Brockington, K.C.]